Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
No. of Militants apprehended	1303	362	57	237	139	171	45
No. of Militants killed	420	374	122	242	156	91	110

(c) Close vigil is being kept by the Security Forces along the border/LOC and in the interior areas. Various arrangements have been made for this purpose, including intensive patrolling, provision and use of surveillance equipments, including night vision devices, etc., deployment of forces in the vulnerable areas both on the LOC/ Border and in the hinterland, setting up of Village Deference Committees in some of the sensitive regions near the border, and close and continuous coordination betwen all concerned security and intelligence agencies, etc. The arrangements are being continuously reviewed and strengthened/streamlined as found necessary.

[English]

Accommodation to Widow of Former President

1788. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the widow of former President, Shrimati Nagaratnamma has been compelled to vacate Sankey Road bungalow in Bangalore on account of eviction notice;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide an alternate accommodation to her;

(d) if so, whether she has received any reply in this regard from Government; and

(e) the time by which the accommodation is likely to be provided to her ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) Late Shri Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, Ex-president was allotted bungalow No. 29, Sankey Road, Bangalore by the Karnataka Govt. and a type-V accommodation was placed at the disposal of State Government from general pool. The said accommodation has been got vacated by the State Government on the death of late Shri Reddy.

(c) Smt. Reddy has requested for allotment of alternate accommodation at Bangalore.

(d) As per the existing guidelines, in the event of death of the President after demitting his/her office, the surviving spouse is eligible for allotment of an un-furnished type-III accommodation only in Delhi from General Pool during his/her lifetime. Since the existing guidelines do not provide for allotment of accommodation to the widow of the ex-President outside Delhi, Smt. Reddy has been informed accordingly.

(e) No request has been received for allotment of general pool accommodation at Delhi from Smt. Reddy.

[Translation]

Drought in Madhya Pradesh

1789. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to drought in Madhya Pradesh Rabi and Kharif crops have been affected and most of the crops have been destroyed;

(b) if so, whether farmers have migrated from there in search of livelihood; and

(c) if so, the efforts being made by the Government to tackle this situation and the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) According to the information received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh, 25 tehsils in 7 districts are affected by drought conditions in varying degrees. The area of Kharif crop damaged is 8.48 lakh hectares.

(b) The State Government have not reported any migration of farmers due to the drought conditions.

(c) The State Government is undertaking various measures to tackle the situation including gearing up labour intensive works, distribution of seeds for sowing Rabi crops, suspension of recovery of Government Cooperative dues and land revenue. Government of India has released an amount of Rs. 38.31 crores during the current year as Central share of Calamity Relief Fund to Government of Madhya Pradesh for relief and rehabilitation measures in wake of natural calamities including drought during 1996-97.

[English]

Landless Indians

1790. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "37 PC rural Indians landless" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated December 5, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) which claims to have conducted studies in 33,000 rural households in 16 States and released its report on 30th November 1996 in Bhopal at the UNDP Workshop, got wide coverage by media including the Hindustan Times. The said NCAER report-1994 is yet to be published and hence the Government did not have any access to that report. It is not clear how the aforesaid studies reported that 37% of the rural population to be landless. According to census report of 1991, the total rural population was 62,28,12,376 out of which landless agricultural labour was 7,47,97,744 which constitute only 11.98%. As per the 48th Round of All India Survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation and the data compiled in the beginning of 1996 shows the estimated number of rural households in India is 116,405,800 of which number of landless households is only 13,088,900 which is 11.3% of the rural households. In the aforesaid report the landless households means and includes "households owning no land or landless than 0.002 Hectares".

(c) The Government is however fully aware and deeply concerned about the growing landlessness in the country and hence the Union Government has been emphsising for taking up and implementing time bound programmes for distribution of ceiling land, Bhoodan land, Govt. Wasteland in the last Conference of the Revenue Secretaries held on 26th November, 1996 and Revenue Minister's Conference on 27th December , 1996. In addition the performance of the States/UTs in the aforesaid matters are being regularly monitored.

[Translation]

Agreement between Government and Fishermen

1791. SHRI MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the fishermen along the sea-coast had signed any agreement with the Government during the last years;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the Government are unable to implement the said agreement;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government so far and proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) and (b) The Minister of state for Food Processing Industries had only reassured the group of fishermen on 13.8.96 for speedy decision on and implementation of the recommendations of the Review Committee on deep sea fishing policy.

(c) to (e) The Government has since taken a decision to accept all the recommendations of the Review Committee in principle. However, in respect of recommendation regarding cancellation of all permits issued for fishing by joint venture, charter, lease and test fishing vessesls, subject to legal processes as may be required, it has been decided that these permits can be cancelled only for violation of the provisions of the MZI Act 1981 or any rule or order made thereunder and/or the conditions stipulated in the approvals granted. Such action for cancellation or otherwise of approvals has to be decided in individual cases in consultation with the Ministry of Law. As per the recommendations, the New Deep Sea Fishing Policy of 1991 has been rescinded. Action has also been initiated to implement other recommendations of the Review Committee.

[English]

Allotments of Flats

1792. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :
SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH :
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of flats allotted under various categories by Delhi Development Authority upto 31st December, 1996;

(b) whether any time bound programme has been chalked out to allot flats to all the remaining applicants; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER